

December 5, 2023
6:30 PM
UC Room # 224
University of Montana Campus

1. Introductions and welcome
 - a. In attendance: Leadership team members- Darcy Caron , Rick Caron, Jenni Nielsen, Shirley Morkrid. UM Representatives- Emily Ferguson-Steger, Esteban Castillo. Neighborhood Specialist- Melissa Glueckert
 - b. Absent: Aaron Hedges
2. Approve meeting minutes from October 3, 2023; October 10, 2023; November 14, 2023
 - a. Moved by Rick- Shirley. Unanimous consent.
3. Program Presentation
 - a. None
4. Items to be discussed
 - a. PROST Survey
 - i. Darcy is on the PROST committee with the city and the committee is surveying people regarding their feelings and needs around Missoula parks, trails, and open space. The LT talked about the need for maintenance of what Missoula has right now. There was talk of more covered bike parking for year round use, adult exercise equipment at parks, the expansion of dog waste stations with mutt mits provided.
 - b. Poster Responses from general meeting / General Meeting Notice Ideas
 - i. The GM has two posters for neighbors to be able to fill out. One with grant ideas and one with the question “what would you like the leadership team to work on?” Grants ideas will be written down and saved so they can be considered for next year’s grant cycle. The other poster consisted of various different ideas, many of which involved boosting engagement and events.
 1. The LT talked about creating a subcommittee eventually to focus on engagement.
 - ii. The LT chatted about having a block party this summer/fall. There was discussion about what target audience they want to appeal to with this block party. Having an event in the summer will likely encompass more families and non-college student neighbors, having a fall event would likely attract many college students. The LT talked about creating a balance between the two and want to ensure the neighbors who go to the University feel welcome and are invited to any events in addition to the residents who do not have a connection with the University. There was talk about partnering with other organizations that already hold block parties in the University district.
 1. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
 - iii. Other engagement techniques
 1. Using door hangers in the future to save costs on mailings. This will allow the LT to have more money for events and spending on neighbors. Talked about utilizing the high schools, other neighbors, and different

organizations to distribute these and reward the volunteers with free pizza.

2. There was a discussion about engagement through social media, Melissa warned against an individual social media page for the University district as the neighborhoods would need to have ownership as well. Instead she suggested using the neighborhoods social media to advertise and engage. She also touched on plans for the Neighborhoods office to boost their social media presence and will soon create a plan.

- c. Election of officers
 - i. Tabled until next meeting.

5. UM Representatives Reports

- a. Emily, UM will be extremely busy this week and the following week. There is a Missoula elementary schools field trip to the Adams center for a basketball game this week which will close campus drive for a period of time. The Griz football playoff game this Friday (12/8) is an evening game starting at 7pm, meaning tailgates open at 5pm and neighbors should expect an influx of people parking on this day. If the Griz football team wins there will be an additional playoff game at Washington grizzly stadium the following week, however it is not confirmed whether it will be on a Friday evening or a Saturday early afternoon game. Fall commencement now falling on a Friday afternoon which also will affect parking in the residential areas.
- b. Estaban, is moving to Oregon at the end of the month and will not be in this position for the spring semester, no replacement hired yet.

6. Community Forum Report

- a. Estaban volunteered to attend next CF meeting and will report to Emily, she will then pass on the information to the leadership team at next meeting.

7. Neighborhoods Report

- a. Grants are closed and will start being reviewed this month!
- b. There are two more Our Missoula events over the next two Wednesday evenings.
- c. Future engagement kit is coming for the neighborhoods to use!
- d. The neighborhoods office is currently in the midst of planning the local government academy to start in the new year.

8. Public Comment on non-agenda items

- a. Butterfly house now open, \$10 entrance fee.
- b. Parking discussion- Rick on parking committee and will be meeting in December. He plans to discuss U district's residential parking issues.
- c. Snow shoveling for around 5-6 house for neighbors without the ability to do it themselves.
- d. Rick offered to do a real colors training at a future meeting.

9. Announcements

- a. Will not meet in January as the University Center is closed for winter break. Will reconvene in February.

